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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 4.